

ABSTRACT

A vehicle system comprises a control system for an equipment service vehicle and a personal digital assistant. The control system comprises a power source, a power transmission link, a plurality of input devices, a plurality of output devices, a plurality of microprocessor-based interface modules and a communication network. The plurality of interface modules are coupled to the power source by way of the power transmission link. The plurality of interface modules are interconnected to each other by way of the communication network. Each of the plurality of interface modules are coupled to respective ones of the plurality of input devices and the plurality of output devices. The plurality of interface modules store I/O status information for the plurality of input devices and the plurality of output devices. The control system is configured to wirelessly communicate at least some of the I/O status information to the personal digital assistant.